

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, please insert the following new paragraph before paragraph [0001]:

A sequence listing is submitted herewith on compact disc (file name: "P2142US_Seq.ST25.TXT", created March 24, 2006, File size: 506KB). The material contained on the compact disc is explicitly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

On page 4, please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 3 is a compilation of various nucleotide (genomic, mRNA, cDNA; etc.) sequences (SEQ ID NOS: 1-60) that can be used in the context of the present invention.